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The Comptroller General has given occupational health a big boost. In decision B-161852, dated July 14, 1967, he said, "It is our conclusion that an agency head has authority under 5 U.S.C. 7901 to provide immunization against specific diseases without charge to employees whenever he decides that it will be in the Government's interest to do so and records a reasonable basis to support such determination as required by Budget Circular No. A-72." (underscoring ours).

For many agencies this decision removes a significant obstacle to improving their occupational health programs. We urge all agencies to develop a program of offering needed immunizations, without cost to employees, especially for influenza which in epidemic years can result in widespread absenteeism. If you need medical (or non-professional) advice or assistance on setting up an immunization program, our Medical Division is at your service. Call our Dr. Johnson, code 183 ext. 7565 (or for nonprofessional assistance, Fred Bell, code 183 ext. 6384.)

We have a few copies of the full decision which we will be happy to send to you if you have use for one.

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We are enclosing a copy of the instructions pertaining to occupational health that the Department of Agriculture issued to its installations. Many agencies have formulated similar statements, but if yours has not you might use this as a model. Please send us a copy of any instructions your agency has issued or does issue.

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Some agencies are getting good results from the physicians and specialists they employ on a fee-for-service, or other contract arrangement. If it does not already do so, your agency should consider such arrangement to get the staff it needs to provide services for employees at installations where other Federal facilities are not yet available, or for particular situations which involve a need for a consultant or specialist.

Sincerely yours,

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